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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1653-MC

**DATE:** March 30, 2016

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Physicians, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (ARNPs), Certified Nurse Mid-Wives (CNM), Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), Clinics and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Tobacco Cessation Coverage and the IA Health Link

**EFFECTIVE:** April 1, 2016

Informational Letter [1354](#)<sup>1</sup> dated February 27, 2014, is the most recent description of the Tobacco Cessation Coverage Available to Medicaid Members. This letter confirms that the same coverage policy continues for the small group of Medicaid members under Fee-for-Service (FFS) after the transition to the IA Health Link managed care program effective on April 1, 2016.

After April 1, 2016, the vast majority of Iowa Medicaid members will be covered through the IA Health Link managed care program. While smoking cessation coverage is a required benefit of all the IA Health Link plans, it will be necessary to follow the policies of the specific MCO covering a member to ensure payment for these services.

Here are links to the MCO Provider Resource Pages:

- Amerigroup Iowa, Inc. <http://amerigroup.com/iaprovider>
- AmeriHealth Caritas Iowa, Inc. <http://amerihealthcaritasia.com/IAProvider>
- UnitedHealthcare Plan of the River Valley, Inc.  
<http://www.uhccommunityplan.com/iaprovider>

Members who do not know their MCO assignment or have questions can call the IME Member Services Unit at: 1-800-338-8366 or 515-256-4606 or email at [IMEMemberServices@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:IMEMemberServices@dhs.state.ia.us).

Providers with questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit, 1-800-338-7909 or email at [imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us).

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<http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1354%20Tobacco%20Cessation%20Coverage%20Available%20to%20Medicaid%20Members.pdf>